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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 10-13, 18 and 22 were rejected. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 14-17, 19-21, 23 and 24 were objected to but indicated as being of allowable subject matter. Claim 25 was allowed. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 18 are amended and claims 2 and 19 are canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1, 3-18 and 20-25 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Meyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,859,346). Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to include features related to claims 2 and 19, respectively, that were indicated as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 2 and 19 have been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 18 are in condition and therefore claims 5, 10, 11, 13 and 22, which depend on allowable base claims 1 and 19, are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer. It is respectfully submitted that claim 12 depends on allowable base claim 1 and therefore is in condition for allowance.


It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1, 3-18 and 20-25 are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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